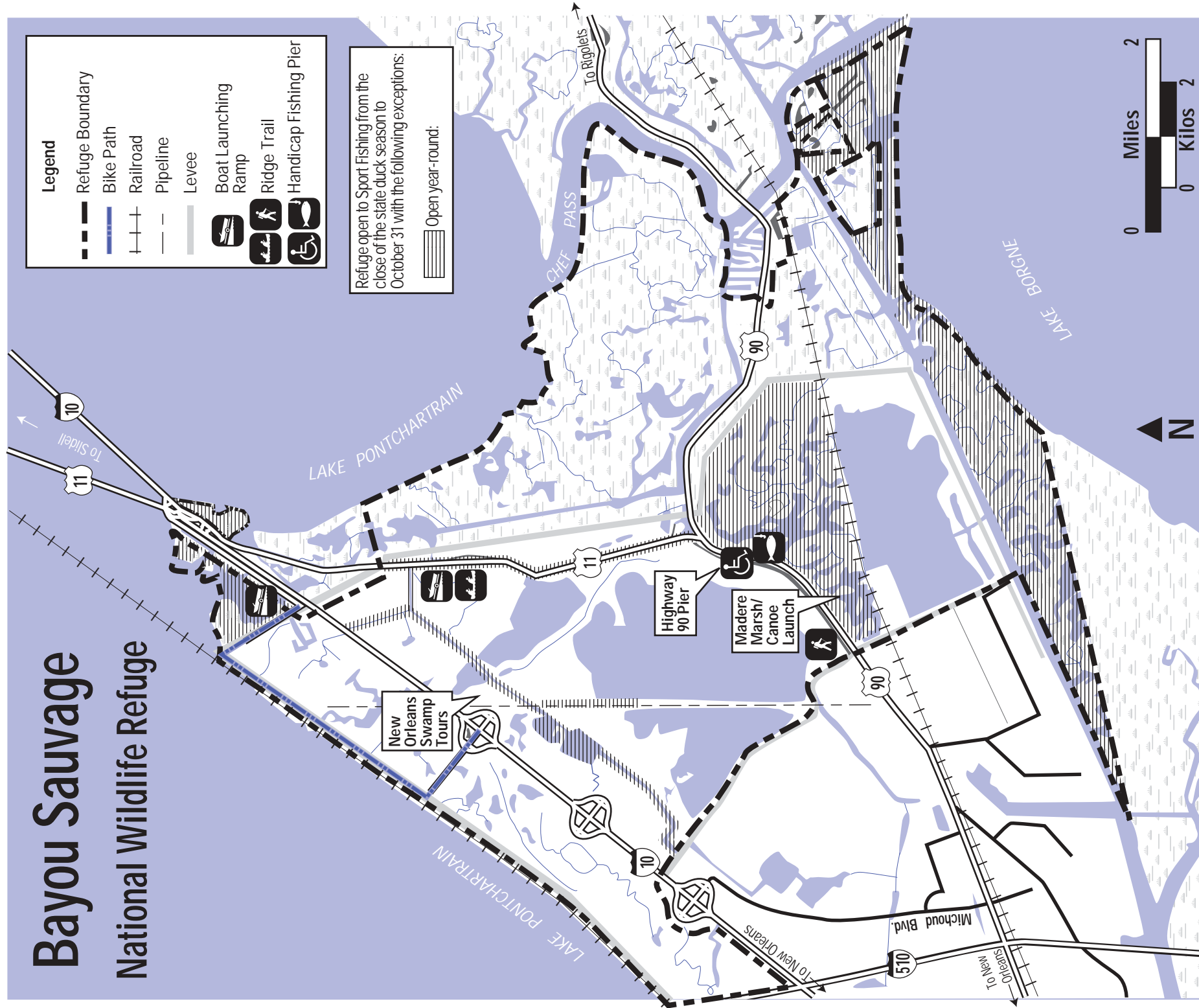


# Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge



Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objectives of Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge are to provide habitat for the protection of fish and wildlife and to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife-oriented public use and recreation in an urban setting. Finfishing and shellfishing are permitted at a level compatible with refuge objectives.

Access to and recreational use of the refuge resources are permitted in designated areas and in accordance with state and federal regulations and subject to the following conditions:

Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge is open thirty minutes before legal sunrise until thirty minutes after legal sunset.

Sport finfishing and shellfishing are permitted year round on all refuge lands south of the Intracoastal Waterway; from the banks of U.S. Highway 11; and within the banks of the borrow canal and borrow pits between U.S. Highway 11 and Interstate 10 (see map).

Only recreational finfishing with a hand-held rod and reel or hand-held rod and line is permitted. Bait shrimp may be taken with cast nets 8 feet in diameter or less. Crawfish can be taken (up to 100 pounds per person) with wire nets up to 20 inches in diameter. Recreational crabbing is permitted with a limit of 12 dozen per person. **All** fishing, crabbing and crawfishing equipment must be attended at **all** times.

The use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, gar sets, nets or alligator lines is prohibited on the refuge.

Only outboard motors 25 horsepower or less are permitted in waterways inside the hurricane protection levee.

Airboats, mud boats, aircraft, motorized pirogues and air cooled propulsion engines are prohibited in refuge waters.

Firearms: Carrying, possessing or discharging firearms on the refuge is prohibited.

The feeding of any wildlife within Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge is strictly prohibited.

These provisions supplement the regulations which govern recreational uses on national wildlife refuges set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 25-32.

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